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[redacted] The NYO in case entitled [redacted] BURT KAPLAN; ET AL, [redacted] TFIS," NY 15-62628, has made several arrests on this case and will proceed at termination of microphone coverage to obtain indictment in EDNY of PAUL VARIO, SR. for TFIS and conspiracy violations. Based on the microphone coverage investigations by the NYO [redacted] has been instituted in the anti-racketeering field and a RICO case involving [redacted]

Captain [redacted] stated that his office anticipates widespread newspaper and television coverage at the conclusion of microphone coverage [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the District Attorney for Kings County, EUGENE GOLD considers this case the most important organized crime and police corruption case over the past ten years in NYC.

The District Attorney's office intends to initially charge several members of NYCPD with criminal violations of accepting bribes and the rest of the suspect officers will be subjected to departmental trials. The District Attorney's office anticipates granting immunity to most of the hoods observed at VARIO's junkyard and proceeding against them via perjury or contempt violations.

The Bureau will be kept advised of further developments in this matter in view of anticipated widespread media coverage in near future. It is noted in referenced New York letter that NYO furnished Kings County with necessary probable cause, in March, 1972, for obtaining the electronic coverage which has been successful to date.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-2903)
SUBJECT: PAUL VARIO
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ReNYlet to Bu, 3/21/72, entitled [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] aka ET AL, TGB, NYfile 182-1153.

[REDACTED] For the information of the Bureau, on 9/25/72, Captain [REDACTED] Racket Squad, Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, advised that to date the District Attorney's office has observed and/or overheard and identified over 90 NYC policemen at Bargain Auto Parts, 5702 Ave. D, Bklyn., which location is the headquarters for LCN captain PAUL VARIO, SR. In addition to the police corruption angle of the District Attorney's investigation, in excess of 350 individuals with arrest records have been identified at the location in presence of PAUL VARIO, SR. [REDACTED] henchmen.

Some of the more prominent individuals observed were LCN figures ANTHONY LEONE, button EVOLA family; [REDACTED], a capo in the EVOLA family; [REDACTED], a button man in the LUCHESE family; ANTHONY RUGLIANO, a button man in GAMBINO family; CARMINE TRAMUNTI, acting boss LUCHESE family, and others.

As a result of the court ordered microphone coverage [REDACTED]

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and he was not aware of any financial agreements that had been reached by them.

[redacted] then went back with [redacted] New York City, and was later called by [redacted] and told the load was coming. [redacted] stated he presumed from [redacted] conversation that the load [redacted] said that at approximately 4:30 that afternoon [redacted] a truck driver for their company arrived [redacted] then said he went downstairs to help unload the truck and sent [redacted] and another individual upstairs with the first six cartons and that these cartons would be counted and verified [redacted] [redacted] who remained upstairs.

After [redacted] was arrested, he said he notified the elevator operator to go upstairs and tell [redacted] to get out. [redacted] said he did this just to protect [redacted] from being arrested.

[redacted] said that he was aware [redacted] being stolen as of [redacted], and that he is sure that [redacted] was also knowledgeable of the fact that these slacks were stolen, although no words to that effect were ever discussed between he and [redacted].

[redacted] to [redacted] and that he is currently paying [redacted] and that the principal of [redacted] is still outstanding. [redacted] said that [redacted] has [redacted] which is collateral for the loan. However, [redacted] says that the check is no good should [redacted] attempt to cash it.

[redacted] ever testify against [redacted] that he has [redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] should he ever have to testify against [redacted]

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[redacted] voluntarily appeared at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and stated that he wished to explain his part [redacted]
 [redacted] he was arrested for [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he first became aware [redacted] on Monday, [redacted] New Jersey. He said that conversation between himself [redacted] caused him to know that the merchandise [redacted]

[redacted] had been [redacted] BERT KAPLAN, but that [redacted] any of this merchandise. [redacted] then stated that he took a sample of these [redacted] in New York City, where he asked [redacted] if he knew of anyone who could purchase these [redacted] stated that [redacted] did come up with a buyer, but he did not know who and by the time he notified [redacted] of the possible buyer, [redacted] had since been advised by KAPLAN that he had already sold the load to somebody in Staten Island.

[redacted] then advised [redacted] he [redacted] New Jersey, with [redacted] also known as [redacted] to discuss with [redacted] and KAPLAN the purchase of some televisions. [redacted] stated that the reason [redacted] was with him was that he had heard the day before a load of televisions would be available, and that [redacted] was going [redacted] and himself could make. However, [redacted] said that when they got [redacted] New Jersey, the television deal was off. At the same time, [redacted] talked to [redacted] about the purchase of some slacks, however, [redacted] learned at a later time that [redacted] had offered a ridiculously low price [redacted] and was turned down by [redacted] was then asked by [redacted] to call [redacted], and determine if the buyer was still available [redacted] since BERT KAPLAN's deal in Staten Island fell through and [redacted] were again available for sale. [redacted] said that [redacted] talked over the phone

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SA [redacted] :kbm Date dictated [redacted]

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[redacted] is to be able to come up with the [redacted] in cash at one time. [redacted] said that he knows this to be true, however, he, himself, did not borrow the money nor does he make the weekly payments to [redacted] so [redacted] does not feel he would be giving first hand information should [redacted] regarding [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that at approximately 2:30 pm, on [redacted] he and BERT KAPLAN drove in [redacted] car to [redacted] in Staten Island. [redacted] also stated that he had asked [redacted] to follow he and KAPLAN to this location in a green van truck owned by [redacted] to pick up some merchandise and deliver it to [redacted] in Manhattan. [redacted] said that they parked the truck at the rear of [redacted] and loaded the truck with approximately [redacted]. At that time, he told [redacted] (LNU) to go to [redacted] New York City, and deliver the merchandise to [redacted]. KAPLAN then went inside and talked to the owner of the drop and left shortly thereafter and went back to [redacted] New Jersey.

[redacted] said approximately four days later, KAPLAN came to [redacted] New Jersey, and talked to [redacted] and told them that he (KAPLAN) wanted at [redacted] by that afternoon for [redacted] that were recovered [redacted] that were never paid for by anybody. [redacted] told KAPLAN that they just did not have that kind of money and that there was no way they could come up with [redacted] KAPLAN

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[redacted] to both [redacted] and ordered them to bring [redacted] liquor store at [redacted] Brooklyn, by 5:00 pm, that day. [redacted] KAPLAN then left and [redacted] managed to scrape together [redacted] which he brought to the liquor store. [redacted] said that two other [redacted] made in the same manner a few days after this incident.

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that when they reached the destination in [REDACTED] KAPLAN gave [REDACTED] for his cooperation during the day and told him to go back to [REDACTED], New Jersey.

On [REDACTED] at approximately 10:30 am, [REDACTED] stated that BERT KAPLAN arrived [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] New Jersey. KAPLAN told [REDACTED] that he was in desperate need [REDACTED] and wanted to know if [REDACTED] could come up with a buyer for some [REDACTED] that he was already familiar with. Again, [REDACTED] reiterated to KAPLAN that they had no ready cash to give him. At this time, KAPLAN stated that he would like [REDACTED] to make some contacts to see if he could find a buyer and that he would be willing to split the profits [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] then contacted [REDACTED] New York City, and [REDACTED] stated that he might be able to come up with a buyer for the slacks. A short time later, [REDACTED] called back and told [REDACTED] that he had a buyer for [REDACTED] and would get the [REDACTED] immediately even if he [REDACTED] had to put up the money himself at first. [REDACTED] then told [REDACTED] that the load [REDACTED] would probably arrive sometime that day.

[REDACTED] stated that at approximately 1:00 pm, that afternoon [REDACTED] and another individual known to him as [REDACTED] came to [REDACTED] car and wanted to know about [REDACTED] told him that the deal on [REDACTED] was off. [REDACTED] said, at this time, [REDACTED] offered an interest in the [REDACTED] but he [REDACTED] offered such a ridiculously low price for them the deal was immediately squashed. [REDACTED] said that he knows [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] is currently in debt [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] land has been paying him this amount for a number of months and that these payments are just the interest payments with the [REDACTED] still outstanding. [REDACTED] advised that the only way to end

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and asked [redacted] to take the sample to [redacted]
and ask [redacted] if he could possibly line up a buyer for a
quantity of [redacted]

On [redacted] KAPLAN again came to [redacted]
[redacted] New Jersey, and asked [redacted] to take him to
the [redacted] New Jersey. [redacted] stated he
did not want to go but that KAPLAN said he had no ride and
wished [redacted] to do him a favor. [redacted] then drove KAPLAN
in his [redacted] where [redacted] was.
told by KAPLAN that they were waiting for a tractor trailer to
come into the diner where the drivers would be switched and load
taken to a drop in Staten Island. [redacted] stated also present
at the diner were [redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU)
in [redacted] black Cadillac; [redacted] alone in his Mercury
Marquis; [redacted] (LNU) and another individual in BERT KAPLAN's
car. [redacted] stated the individual with [redacted] (LNU) was to be
the truck driver who was to take the load to the drop and who
actually owned the truck they were waiting for.

[redacted] then advised that after a short time, a
tractor trailer with a black cab, no markings, in a silver box
arrived at the [redacted] LNU in KAPLAN's car was
told to follow the truck to the drop and that KAPLAN would follow
shortly, being driven there by [redacted]. Approximately fifteen
minutes later, [redacted] stated he drove KAPLAN to a location
somewhere on [redacted] Staten Island where KAPLAN
told him to wait in the car and he would return shortly.

A short time later, KAPLAN asked [redacted] to accompany
him to a nearby pizza shop where he observed [redacted] giving
KAPLAN a large amount of money presuming it to be payment for
part of the load that they just delivered to a nearby drop.
[redacted] was then requested by KAPLAN to drive him to a place
in Brooklyn at which time [redacted] said he did not want to, but
was pressured into it by KAPLAN and did, in fact, drive him to
someplace in the [redacted] Brooklyn. [redacted] said

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[redacted] New Jersey, was interviewed in the office of Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]. [redacted] had pled guilty to Title 18, Section 659, Theft From Interstate Shipment (TFIS), before Judge JACK WEINSTEIN, Eastern District of New York (EDNY). [redacted] said that he wished to explain his entire involvement in the [redacted] which were recovered partially by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on [redacted].

[redacted] stated that on [redacted] he was contacted by BERT KAPLAN and KAPLAN asked him to meet him at [redacted] Brooklyn. [redacted] stated he met KAPLAN that evening at [redacted]. KAPLAN showed him a sample [redacted] and that KAPLAN asked him the quality of the merchandise and what price he (KAPLAN) might be able to get for them. [redacted] stated that he thought he would be able to get \$2.75 wholesale on the market for these items. KAPLAN then asked [redacted] if he would like to purchase a large quantity. [redacted] stated that he did not think so because it would have to be a cash deal and that neither he nor his company, [redacted], have that kind of cash available. However [redacted] did tell KAPLAN that he would talk to [redacted] to see what [redacted] reaction would be.

[redacted] stated, at this time, that he was aware the [redacted] due to the fact of his previous contacts with BERT KAPLAN and his knowledge that BERT KAPLAN should not have this type of garment in any large quantity for sale.

On [redacted] stated that he showed the sample to [redacted] New Jersey, and [redacted] who, in turn, advised KAPLAN that they did not have the money to handle such a load. [redacted] then gave [redacted] a sample

Interviewed on [redacted] at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York File # NY 15-62628 -98

by SA [redacted] Jr.:kbm Date dictated 9/29/72

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BURTON KAPLAN, 595 Vanderbilt Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was advised that he was under arrest for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 659; by SA [redacted]

[redacted] at which time he was advised of his rights as they are contained in the "Interrogation, Advice of Rights" Form. He was then transported to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to be fingerprinted and photographed.

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WANTED BY BUREAU Burton Kaplan, aka
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USM Brooklyn NY	Burton Kaplan #472-3717	1-17-66	interstate T (poss) T 18 Sec 659	9-27-68 ISS 2 yrs prob & \$500 fine; 2 yrs prob on chg of TFIS
Navy	Burton Kaplan #912 50 20	3-17-52		
PD NY NY	Burton Kaplan #489090	9-27-66	1308PL Fel CRSP criminal rec	
USM Bklyn NY	Burton Kaplan 2322 USM-2262	9-7-72	Theft from Foreign Shipment	
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REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 15-62628
 FBI FILE NO. 15-71909
 LATENT CASE NO. A-54893

September 27, 1972

TO: SAC, New York

[REDACTED]
 RE: ET AL.;
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REFERENCE: Letter 9-14-72 and teletype 9-19-72
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New York
 SPECIMENS: Major case prints of [REDACTED], Burton
 Kaplan and [REDACTED]

This report confirms and supplements Butel 9-20-72.

Latent palm prints previously reported in captioned case
 not identical palm prints [REDACTED] Kaplan or [REDACTED]

Major case prints retained and you will be advised
 separately of results of searches conducted through main criminal
 fingerprint files.

L. Patrick Gray III
 L. Patrick Gray, III, Acting Director

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, New York (15-62628)

Date: September 25, 1972

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From: Director, FBI

Re: [redacted]

FBI File No. 15-71909

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Lab. No. D-720925102 HE

OO: New York

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Airtel 9/21/72

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

For information, similarities were noted in the handwriting and hand printing appearing on specimen Q1 when compared with the known handwriting and hand printing of BURTON KAPLAN, Kl.

Additional known specimens of BURTON KAPLAN, Kl, would be of no value in this matter.

enclosed
Enclosures (4) (Q1, Kl, 2 Lab report).

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Date: September 25, 1972

Re: [redacted]

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Specimens received 9/25/72

Q1 HAROLD'S AUTO SUPPLY form #2531 bearing the hand printing beginning "Received 20 cases..."

K1 Twelve handwriting and hand printing samples of BURTON KAPLAN

Result of examination:

No conclusion was reached as to whether specimen Q1 was written by BURTON KAPLAN, K1, due to unexplained variations in the questioned material.

Specimens Q1 and K1 are returned herewith. Photographic copies are retained.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (15-71909)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (15-62628)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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BURTON KAPLAN;
[REDACTED]

TFIS-AH
(OO:NY)

ReNYrep of SA [REDACTED]

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On 9/26/72, AUSA [REDACTED] EDNY, advised that subjects [REDACTED] KAPLAN, and [REDACTED] pled guilty to their indictments before Federal Judge J. WEINSTEIN. Subjects [REDACTED] also pled guilty before Judge WEINSTEIN to an information after having the pending indictment dismissed against them.

Subject [REDACTED] pled guilty to the indictment charging him with TFIS violation, on 9/21/72.

Judge WEINSTEIN set sentencing date for all seven subjects for six to eight weeks from now pending completion of probation officers reports. Upon sentencing, NYO will submit conviction reports.

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[redacted]
as [redacted] operating [redacted], and that on June 8, 1972, he was

[redacted] New York City.

[redacted] said

[redacted] two individuals

[redacted] as Camhi-Brooks Incorporated with the merchandise. He then

[redacted] said that after the two men had gone back to their truck, he observed a number of individuals talking to [redacted] whom he knew, and the two men he had just brought down. As he was standing on the street, [redacted] approached him. [redacted] stated that he got into [redacted] went to [redacted]

[redacted] then took the individual in Hillcrest Trading to the [redacted] and the man exited the building through another entrance.

[redacted] stated that he would be able to recognize the individual in [redacted] if he was to see him again.

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SAS [redacted]

and [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] and accompanied him on [redacted] New Jersey, [redacted] advised that [redacted] dropped by his apartment in the early afternoon and asked [redacted] to [redacted] in Linden, New Jersey, to see the type of plant that [redacted] was employed by. [redacted] advised he went with [redacted] because he was considering taking a job as a salesman with Camhi-Brooks. [redacted] said that when they arrived at Linden, New Jersey, he was introduced to [redacted] and another individual whose name he does not recall, but [redacted]

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[redacted] denies any knowledge of any [redacted] being offered to him to sell by Camhi-Brooks. [redacted] said the purpose of the visit on [redacted] to Linden, New Jersey, was strictly to become familiar with the Camhi-Brooks operation, and that he was not asked to sell any merchandise nor had he observed [redacted] with any [redacted] when they left Linden, New Jersey. [redacted] said they were at Camhi-Brooks for approximately 15 to 20 minutes and then immediately returned to his apartment, where [redacted] left him to go back to the garment district.

[redacted] denies any interest whatsoever in the Camhi-Brooks Company. He worked for them for approximately three weeks during the summer and is no longer employed. [redacted] stated that he still maintains social contact with [redacted] and knew that he had been arrested, but was not knowledgeable as to why.

The following information on [redacted] was obtained through interview and observation:

Name [redacted]
Address [redacted]

Telephone [redacted]

Interviewed on

9/22/72

New York, New York

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SAS [redacted]

and PFC

PFC: jmj

Date dictated

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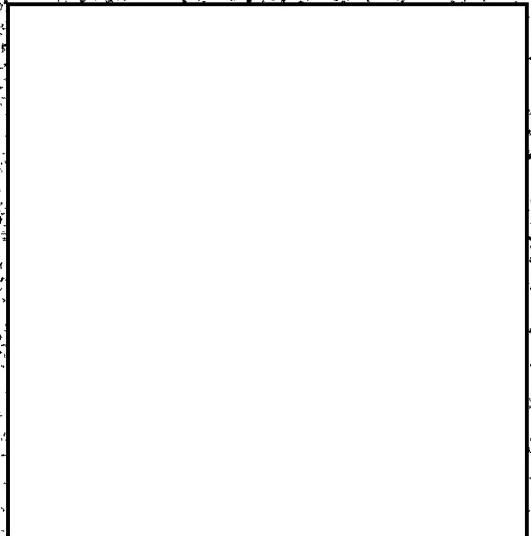
[redacted] was asked if he knew the merchandise was stolen and stated that until the merchandise came into the loft, he was not sure, however, he noticed that the items were made in Korea and that the shipment was arriving very late in the afternoon, which is very unusual in the garment district. Also unusual, [redacted] said, was the fact that Camhi-Brooks Incorporated was going to sell a garment that had been made in Korea in their stores. [redacted] said usually the quality of Camhi-Brooks products is much better.

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After [redacted] he immediately telephoned [redacted] had been arrested. [redacted] not to worry and [redacted] then went home.

The following is background date obtained through interview and observation of [redacted]

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Social Security Number
Military Service
Wife
Children
Arrest
Occupation



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[redacted] then asked [redacted] to stay around and help with a shipment of [redacted] that he expected in some time that day. [redacted] stated that [redacted] wanted him there when [redacted] arrived so that he would be able to verify that all the [redacted] were comparable in quality and style with the samples that [redacted] had already shown him. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had even asked him the day before to be available [redacted] due to the fact that he was expecting this shipment of [redacted] in some time on the eighth. [redacted] also told [redacted] that these slacks were going to be sold in the Camhi-Brooks stores throughout New York and New Jersey.

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[redacted] stated that sometime during the early afternoon, he recalls [redacted] leaving the loft at [redacted] and returning approximately one hour later, but does not remember exactly what time. When [redacted] returned, [redacted] was told that he was still expecting the shipment of [redacted] to arrive and asked [redacted] to remain until they did.

[redacted] said that late afternoon on [redacted] last name unknown (LNU) a [redacted] Camhi-Brooks Company, 1150 Silver Street, Linden, New Jersey, arrived at [redacted] and told [redacted] that he needed some help. [redacted] then told [redacted] to wait upstairs and he would go downstairs and help unload the [redacted] and send them up to [redacted]. [redacted] stated, approximately 10 minutes later, LNU and another unidentified individual brought a few cartons into the loft and he immediately opened one of the cartons and started to count the [redacted] in the boxes and verify the quality of each. [redacted] said that the two men who brought the [redacted] up then went back down to bring up another load, but before another load arrived, the elevator operator came into the room and told him "the bulls are downstairs, you better get out." [redacted] said that he asked the elevator operator to take him downstairs to a lower floor, which he did, and departed the building through another exit.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] who was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on [redacted]. [redacted] was advised that the purpose of the interview was to discuss his knowledge of a stolen [redacted] of which [redacted] were found in a loft [redacted] New York City.

[redacted] advised that he was familiar with the [redacted] that [redacted] was arrested with and stated that he had seen a sample of [redacted] approximately five days to a week prior to the arrest, on [redacted] of [redacted] said that he was shown a beige sample by [redacted] who is [redacted]. [redacted] said he saw this sample at [redacted] while he was there one day cutting material for Camhi-Brooks. [redacted] stated that when he first saw the sample, [redacted] asked him about the quality [redacted] told that they were very well made. [redacted] then told he was going to see about getting some.

[redacted] advised that again on [redacted] at approximately 10:30 AM, he was shown another sample of [redacted] this time one blue in color, by [redacted] if this sample was equal to the other sample that [redacted] had shown him a few days prior. [redacted] replied that it was, and again stated that this product was very well made. [redacted] then stated that he asked [redacted] if he could take this sample to a friend of his to determine a price for the garment, since [redacted] is only expert in quality and manufacturing and not in pricing. However, [redacted] did not want [redacted] to remove [redacted] from the premises because [redacted] said someone else was coming over to see it.

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at New York, New York

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(ATT: HANDWRITING ANALYSIS UNIT)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (15-62628)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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ReMNite] to the Bureau, dated 9/8/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are known handwriting samples taken from subject BURTON KAPLAN on 9/21/72, at the NYO. Also enclosed is a yellow sales slip marked as evidence in above captioned case with handwriting that is to be compared with the known samples of BURTON KAPLAN.

The enclosed handwriting samples and unknown sample are requested to be compared by the Handwriting Analysis Unit and the results immediately supplied NYO by telephone or teletype, since trial in captioned matter is scheduled for 9/26/72. If unknown specimen is determined to be identical with the known handwriting samples of BURTON KAPLAN, a handwriting analysis expert would be required at subject KAPLAN's trial, 9/26/-27/72.

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LATENT PALM PRINTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN
CAPTIONED CASE NOT IDENTICAL PALM PRINTS [REDACTED]

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (15-62628)

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[REDACTED] ET AL; TFIS-AH; OO:NY.

REFERENCE NEW YORK LETTER TO BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER
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IDENT. Div.

~~BUREAU~~ IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT IMMEDIATE COMPARISON OF
 PALM PRINTS AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION, AND TO
 SUPPLY NYO RESULTS BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE BY SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE
 NEXT. THIS REQUEST BEING MADE BY AUSA [REDACTED] EDNY, SINCE TRIAL
 IN THIS MATTER IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX, NEXT, AND
 JUDGE WEINSTEIN HAS ORDERED THE PROSECUTION TO SUBMIT ALL FINGER-
 PRINT EVIDENCE TO THE DEFENSE COUNSELS BY SEPTEMBER TWENTYONE,
 NEXT.

SHOULD A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION BE MADE REGARDING THE
 COMPARISON OF THE PALM PRINTS A FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION EXPERT
 WILL BE REQUIRED FOR TRIAL AT NYO ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYSEVEN TO
 TWENTYEIGHT, NEXT.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY CHANGE IN TRIAL
 DATE.

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Special Agent in Charge

[Signature]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 15-62628
FBI FILE NO. 15-71909
LATENT CASE NO. A-54893

September 19, 1972

TO: SAC, New York

RE: [redacted] ET AL.;
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REFERENCE: Letter 9-6-72
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New York
SPECIMENS:

Latent palm prints previously reported
in captioned case not identical palm prints [redacted]
[redacted]

L. Patrick Gray III

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[redacted] New Jersey, was interviewed in the office of Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] at which time he [redacted] was apprised of his right to remain silent and his right to counsel and his right to stop answering questions at any time until such time as he could contact a lawyer. [redacted] said he would answer questions regarding his knowledge of the theft of [redacted] in which his [redacted] had been arrested on [redacted]

[redacted] said on [redacted] was approached by BERT KAPLAN to purchase some [redacted] stated he knew this merchandise to be stolen and decided to purchase the merchandise anyway. [redacted] KAPLAN and one of their employees drove to a place in Staten Island and then was to deliver approximately twenty cartons to [redacted] at [redacted] New York, New York.

[redacted] was asked if [redacted] knew he was going to receive the [redacted] that day and he replied he did. Also, [redacted] was asked if [redacted] were stolen and he stated that "Of course, [redacted] isn't stupid."

Interviewed on 8/7/72 at New York, New York File # NY 15-62628

by SA [redacted] JR. :mc Date dictated 8/8/72

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[redacted]
Staten Island, New York.
Supply, was shown the following photographs:



[redacted] of the above mentioned photos shown to [redacted] he identified the photograph of [redacted] New York City Police Department (NYCPD) [redacted] as the individual that he saw at his place of business with BEERT KARLIN on [redacted] delivering a load of [redacted] that was to be stored in his store. [redacted] stated that he did not know [redacted] last name but that the picture showed him of [redacted] is definitely the same individual that was in his store and helped bring the load of stolen [redacted] to him.

[redacted] initialed and dated the back of the photograph of [redacted] for further identification purposes.

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Staten Island, NY

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On [redacted] subjects BURTON KAPLAN, [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] were arrested without incident by
Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the
New York Office. All three subjects were fingerprinted, photo-
graphed and background information obtained. All three subjects
were then transported by the FBI to their arraignment at the
Eastern District of New York (EDNY) before Federal Judge C.
WEINSTEIN.

Judge WEINSTEIN set bail for all three defendants
at \$10,000.00 personal recognizance bond and for them to appear
on September 14, 1972, to enter pleas to their indictment and
present free trial motions.

Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]
[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the remaining subjects,
[redacted] and [redacted] would also be required to
appear on September 14, 1972, before Judge WEINSTEIN to plead
to their indictments and for a trial to be set.

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Wife's Name

Mother
Brother

New York State
Driver's License
Number
Vehicles

Selective Service
Number
Local Board Number
Draft Status
Employment

Employment Number
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During [redacted] stated that KAPLAN and [redacted] to the [redacted] house, a few blocks away and returned approximately 20 minutes later, at which time he, [redacted] KAPLAN [redacted]

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[redacted] being given to KAPLAN [redacted]

[redacted] admitted that he was aware the merchandise was stolen, but as for having anything to do with the theft or other purchase whatsoever, he was not guilty of. [redacted] said that for his efforts [redacted]

[redacted] was arrested because of fear that he too would be arrested with the stolen merchandise.

[redacted] against emphasized that he would [redacted]
KAPLAN [redacted]

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should he testify against [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had no background information on the [redacted] aware of it, [redacted]

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The following information was obtained through interview and observation of [redacted]

Address

Telephone Number

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Height

Weight

Hair

Eyes

Social Security Number

Military Service

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New York man advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] was again apprised of his constitutional rights and stated that he wished to explain his part in the theft; however, he made it clear [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on [redacted] an individual he knew as [redacted] and whose photo he later identified as belonging to [redacted]

[redacted] if [redacted] could [redacted] said that [redacted] chandise and he also knew that [redacted] were [redacted] to intercede for him.

[redacted] said that [redacted] then came over to [redacted]

[redacted] where [redacted] stated that on [redacted] to [redacted] he was at [redacted]

store. At this time, he observed an individual he knew as BURT and he later identified a picture of BURT KAPLAN as this individual [redacted] stated that BURT [redacted] individuals [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he observed [redacted] KAPLAN talking, but was not told as to what the conversation was about.

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was arrested without incident by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), New York Office, on September 7, 1972. [redacted] was immediately apprised of his constitutional rights and was given the form "Advice of Rights", which he read, stated he understood, but refused to sign.

[redacted] was then transported to the New York Office for photographing and fingerprinting.

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AND [redacted]

ROBERT P. CAMPBELL

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After being advised of his rights as contained in the "Interrogation Advice of Rights" Form by SA [redacted] BURTON KAPLAN, 595 Vanderbilt Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, stated that he did not desire to waive his rights and desired not to furnish any information without an attorney being present.

The following background was obtained by observation and interview:

Name	BURTON KAPLAN
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	October 11, 1933
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, New York
Height	Five feet nine inches
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Scars and Marks	Burn scars on right arm to shoulder

Wife's Name	[redacted]
Children	[redacted]
Residence	595 Vanderbilt Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Home Telephone Number	[redacted]
Occupation	636-0271 Air Conditioning Installer, Self-Employed
Mother	[redacted]

Father	[redacted]
Brother	[redacted]

Deceased	[redacted]
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by SAs
AND [redacted]

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BURTON KAPLAN, 595 Vanderbilt Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was advised that he was under arrest for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 659, by SA [redacted] at which time he was advised of his rights as they are contained in the "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" Form. He was then transported to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to be fingerprinted and photographed.

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at Brooklyn, New York

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[redacted]
 New York, was arrested at the above address by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) without incident on [redacted] was advised that he had been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) in violation of Title 18, Section 659, Theft From Interstate Shipment.

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[redacted] was immediately advised of his rights and was given the form "Advice of Rights", which he read, stated he understood and signed. [redacted] stated that he did not wish to waive his rights or discuss his involvement relating to the indictment without an attorney present.

The following is background information relating to [redacted]

Address

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

Build

Social Security Number

Wife's Name

Vehicle

New York Registration

Employment

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at

New York

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On August 31, 1972, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [REDACTED], Eastern District of New York (EDNY), advised that a Federal Grand Jury had returned indictments against [REDACTED] BURTON KAPLAN, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] stated that bench warrants will be issued on September 5, 1972, for KAPLAN, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and that copies of the indictments will be sent to the four other subjects for them to appear at a date set by the Judge, who will be assigned the case.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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BURTON KAPLAN:

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Character: THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT - ARMED HIJACKING

Synopsis: On 8/31/72, AUSA [redacted] EDNY, advised above seven subjects indicted by Federal Grand Jury, EDNY, and charged with violation of Title 18, Section 659, Theft From Interstate Shipment. AUSA [redacted] advised bench warrants issued for subjects [redacted] KAPLAN and [redacted] 9/5/72. Subjects [redacted] KAPLAN and [redacted] arrested by Agents of the NYO, 9/7/72, without incident. All three subjects arraigned before Judge WEINSTEIN, EDNY, and released on \$10,000.00 personal recognition bond. Judge WEINSTEIN set date of 9/14/72, for all seven subjects to appear to plead to the indictment and present any pre-trial motions.

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DETAILS:

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE SEP 13 1972	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/11/72 - 9/7/72
TITLE OF CASE BURTON KAPLAN: [Redacted]		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY MXS
CHARACTER OF CASE TFIS - AH			

REFERENCES

New York report of SA [Redacted]
dated 7/31/72.
New York nitel to Bureau, dated 9/7/72.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will follow prosecution
of subjects.

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CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
						PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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(ATT: AUSA [Redacted])
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (15-71909)

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[REDACTED] BURTON KAPLAN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TFIS - AH; OO:NY.

RE NY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, DATED NINE, FIVE, SEVENTY-TWO.
 SUBJECTS KAPLAN, [REDACTED] ARRESTED THIS DATE,
 WITHOUT INCIDENT BY AGENTS OF NYO. THREE SUBJECTS HAD BEEN IN-
 DICTED IN VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, SECTION SIX FIVE NINE.

ALL THREE SUBJECTS ARRAIGNED BEFORE FEDERAL JUDGE
 R. WEINSTEIN, AT EDNY AND RELEASED ON TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR PERSONAL
 BOND. WEINSTEIN SET PRE-TRIAL HEARING FOR NINE, FOURTEEN,
 SEVENTY-TWO.

JUDGE WEINSTEIN ALSO ADVISED AUSA [REDACTED] THAT
 ALL FOUR REMAINING SUBJECTS ARE TO APPEAR ON NINE, FOURTEEN,
 SEVENTY-TWO TO PLEAD TO THE INDICTMENT THAT WAS RETURNED ON
 EIGHT, THIRTY-ONE, SEVENTY-TWO.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF TRIAL DATE WHEN SET BY JUDGE
 WEINSTEIN.

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Approved:

[Signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (15-71909)
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[REDACTED]
BURTON KAPLAN:
[REDACTED]

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Re Latent Case number A-54893.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the major case prints of
BURTON KAPLAN, [REDACTED]

Bureau is requested to compare the unidentified latent
palm prints in captioned matter with the enclosed major case
prints of **KAPLAN**, [REDACTED]

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(1-Identification Division)
(1)-New York

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BACKGROUND SHEET

Name	BURTON KAPLAN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	October 11, 1933
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, NY
Height	5'9"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Scars & Marks	<u>Burn scars on right arm to shoulder</u>
Wife	
Children	
Residence	
Home Telephone	
Occupation	Air Conditioning installer
Present Employer	<u>Self-Employed</u>
Mother	
Brother	
Military Service	U.S. Navy 1952-56 Honorable Discharge
Social Security Number	None known
Prior Arrests	TUES, FBI, NY 1965 -- Probation.

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PRESS INQUIRY

JOHN F. MALONE, Assistant Director In Charge of the New York FBI Office announced the arrest of three men today who were indicted on 8/31/72 for possession of a \$40,000 load of stolen ladies slacks. Those arrested were BURTON KAPLAN, age 37, 595 Vanderbilt Street, Brooklyn.

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All men arrested are charged with being in possession of a load of ladies slacks hijacked from a truck in New York City on 6/1/72. FBI agents recovered over \$30,000 worth of the goods at 1196 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island on 6/8/72, and subsequent investigation has lead to the indictment of [REDACTED] KAPLAN and [REDACTED]

All three men were arraigned to the Eastern District of New York and were released on \$10,000 personal bond.

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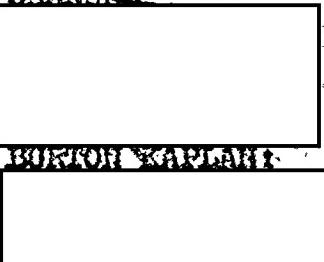
Bureau will be immediately advised of arrest
of [redacted] KAPLAN, and [redacted] and to the exact date the
other four subjects will be required to appear and plead
to the indictment.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (15-71993)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (15-62628)
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]



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Title marked "Changed" to show names of all subjects indicted in this matter.

ReNY reports of SA [REDACTED] dated 6/14/72 and 7/31/72.

On 9/1/72, AUSA [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] cautioned subjects had been indicted by a FGJ on 8/31/72. [REDACTED] advised all subjects, except [REDACTED] were charged with violation of Title 18, Section 659, Section 371, and Section 2, USC. [REDACTED] was just indicted on conspiracy to violate TTIS laws.

AUSA [REDACTED] advised that subjects [REDACTED] will be required to appear before a Federal Judge at ENY in the very near future to plead to the indictment. [REDACTED] stated bench warrants will be issued 9/6/72, for subjects [REDACTED] KAPLAN, and [REDACTED] because of their past criminal records and tendency to flee.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN District of NEW YORK

CRIMINAL Division

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BURTON KAPLAN.
Defendants.

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INDICTMENT

Title 18, U.S.C. §659
Title 18, U.S.C. §371
Title 18, U.S.C. §2

A true bill,

Foreman.

Filed in open court this _____ day
of _____, A. D. 19____

Clerk.

Bail, \$_____

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Assistant U. S. Attorney

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to commit an offense against the United States, in violation of Title 18 , United States Code, Section 659, by wilfully and unlawfully receiving and having in their possession approximately one hundred and fifty seven (157) cartons of ladies wearing apparel, having a value in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), which goods were moving as a part of and constituting a foreign shipment of freight from Pusan, Korea to New York, New York, the above-named defendants knowing the same to have been stolen.

(Title 18 U.S.C. §371)

In furtherance of the said unlawful conspiracy and for the purpose of effecting the objectives thereof, the defendant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the defendant

[REDACTED], the defendant BURTON KAPLAN, the defendant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED]

and the defendant [REDACTED] committed the following

OVERT ACTS

1. The Grand Jury repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Count One of this Indictment as though fully set forth herein as overt acts.

2. On or about the 6th day of June 1972, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant [REDACTED] the defendant [REDACTED] the defendant [REDACTED] and the defendant BURTON KAPLAN, met at 1196 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island, New York.

3. On or about the 8th day of June 1972, the defendant BURTON KAPLAN met with the defendant [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] and the defendant [REDACTED] at 1150 Sylvan Street, Linden, New Jersey.

4. On or about the 8th day of June 1972, the defendant [REDACTED] met with the defendant [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] and the defendant [REDACTED] at 1150 Sylan Street, Linden, New Jersey.

A TRUE BILL.

FOREMAN

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-against-

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] BURTON KAPLAN,
[REDACTED]

INDICTMENT

Cr. No.
T. 18 U.S.C. §659
T. 18 U.S.C. §371
T. 18 U.S.C. §2

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Defendants.

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

On or about and between the 6th day of June 1972 and the 8th day of June 1972, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant

[REDACTED] the defendant [REDACTED], the defendant [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the defendant BURTON KAPLAN, the defendant [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and the defendant [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED]

did wilfully and unlawfully receive and have in their possession approximately one hundred and fifty seven (157) cartons of ladies wearing apparel, having a value in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), which goods had been stolen from a tractor-trailer truck while moving as a part of and constituting a foreign shipment of freight from Pusan, Korea to New York, New York, the defendant

[REDACTED] the defendant [REDACTED], the defendant [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the defendant BURTON KAPLAN, the defendant [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the defendant [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED]

knowing the same to have been stolen. (Title 18 U.S.C. §659 and Title 18 U.S.C. §2).

COUNT TWO

On or about and between the 6th day of June 1972 and the 8th day of June 1972, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant

[REDACTED] the defendant [REDACTED] the defendant [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the defendant BURTON KAPLAN, the defendant [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the defendant [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED]

and the defendant [REDACTED] did knowingly and wilfully conspire

ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (15-71909)
(ATT: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)

9/6/72

SAC, NEW YORK (15-62628)

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[Redacted]
BURTON KAPLAN:
[Redacted]

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 8/11/72, Identification
Division Report to New York, dated 8/22/72, NYlet to Bureau
dated 8/15/72 entitled [Redacted]
ETAL" NY file number 15-62408.

Identification Division is requested to compare the
unidentified palm prints in captioned matter with the major
case prints of [Redacted]

Chief Clerk
Post [Signature]

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The following is a surveillance of a Ford station wagon, bearing [redacted]

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At approximately 2:40 p.m., the station wagon departed Roe Street, Staten Island, New York. The two individuals in the station wagon are described as follows:

Driver:

Height	6'
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Grayed
Wearing	Dark-rimmed glasses and a blue shirt

The passenger:

Height	5'8"
Weight	150-160 pounds
Wearing	Dark glasses and long brown hair

At approximately 2:50 p.m. the station wagon parked on Bennett Street, Staten Island, and the two individuals went into the residence at 15-17 Bennett Street.

At approximately 3:10 p.m., the two individuals were observed getting back into the station wagon and departing from Bennett Street.

This vehicle was then followed to a location at 1150 Sylvan Street, Linden, New Jersey, and arrived at that location at approximately 3:40 p.m. Both individuals were observed going into the building located at 1150 Sylvan.

At approximately 4:15 p.m., surveillance discontinued.

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SAC [redacted] AND [redacted]

by

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Date dictated

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Date of transcription

6/16/72

1972

At approximately [redacted]

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INDIVIDUAL he identified as [redacted] and another [redacted] was listened to with the [redacted]. This conversation [redacted]

[redacted] that portion that evening [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he had been out all evening and knew nothing about the arrangements that [redacted] made. [redacted] stated, however, that he would call [redacted] and find out what the problem was. [redacted] stated that he would immediately call [redacted] back.

Interviewed on 6/16/72 at Staten Island, New York File # NY 15-6060

by [redacted] Date dictated 6/22/72

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On July 24, 1972, [redacted] Solar Trucking Company, 183 27th Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that as of this date, his stolen tractor has still not been recovered. [redacted] stated he will notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) immediately should it be found.

On July 26, 1972, contact with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Eastern District of New York (EDNY) indicated that [redacted] to a Federal Grand Jury in early August.

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On June 12, 1972, a crime scene search was conducted at the site in Carteret, New Jersey, where instant trailer had been recovered with negative results.

On June 16, 1972, [redacted] Time-DC, Carteret, New Jersey, which terminal adjoins the lot where instant trailer had been recovered, advised he had noted the trailer at the lot since early June, but had no information as to how the trailer had been left there.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription June 14, 1972

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Det. [redacted] Carteret, New Jersey, Police Department, advised on June 12, 1972, a possibly abandoned trailer was located on Blair Road, Carteret. The vehicle was described as a Fruehauf trailer bearing Maine registration 100-721. This was a container marked U.S. Van Lines, USLU 946-101-9 with bogey #USLU 411-316-0. Owner was listed as Cit Leasing Corp., New York City.

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NCIC check determined this equipment had been reported stolen on June 1, 1972, at New York City.

[redacted] advised the container was located in an open lot on Blair Road by the intersection of Federal Boulevard. This is a mainly industrial area with a heavy volume of truck traffic. There are no businesses in the immediate area. Carteret Police patrol cars had noted the container at this site for about the past week.

The recovered equipment was processed for latent fingerprints with negative results.

[redacted] advised a check in the area failed to locate any witnesses and no suspects have been developed.

Interviewed on 6/12/72 at Carteret, New Jersey File # Newark 15-39053

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/14/72

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Employed

Occupation
Wife

Children
Sons

Daughters

Arrests

[redacted]
New York, 788-4492 (6 years)

Truck Driver

[redacted]
Same address

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Admits one arrest in 1946 for
car theft

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New York, telephone [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. [redacted] was immediately supplied a copy of the form "Your Rights" which he read, stated he understood, but refused to sign.

[redacted] was advised that a recent polygraph test administered to him showed that he had incorrectly answered a number of questions indicating he had further knowledge of the hijacking that he had not made available to the police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Upon being advised of this information, [redacted] stated he is a very nervous individual and this is probably the reason he failed the lie detector test.

[redacted] refused to make any further comments on the hijacking other than the fact that he has told all he knows to the police.

The following is background information obtained through interview and observation of [redacted]

Address

Telephone Number
 Date of Birth
 Place of Birth
 Height
 Weight
 Hair
 Eyes
 Complexion
 Nationality
 Social Security
 Account Number
 New York State
 Driver's License

Interviewed on

6/27/72

Brooklyn, New York

File #

NY 15-62628

by

SAs

[redacted] and

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Date dictated

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription June 15, 1972

On this date, after being advised of his rights, the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the inquiry, [redacted] executed a consent to search form for the Camhi-Brooks Inc. Warehouse, 1150 Sylvan Avenue, Linden, New Jersey.

Following the execution of the consent to search form, the building at 1150 Sylvan Avenue, Linden, New Jersey, was searched with negative results and nothing was seized.

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Interviewed on

6/13/72

at Linden, New Jersey

File # Newark 15-38839

by

SA
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Date dictated

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[redacted] stated that he [redacted]

of BURT

KAPLAN (PH), [redacted]

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made available the following list of employees
of [redacted] New Jersey:

Accountant
Clerks

Driver

The following was taken through interview and
observation:

Name:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Scars:

Wife:

Residence:

Social Security

Account Number:

Army Serial

Number:

New York

Driver's License

Number:

Arrests:

Education:

Relatives:

Automobile:

Phone:

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contact [redacted]
City. He agreed to pay [redacted]

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[redacted]
The initial payment was made to [redacted] on February 16,
1972, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he knew the merchandise was
stolen when [redacted]

[redacted] also advised that on June 8, 1971, at [redacted] BURT
KAPLAN [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he had been interviewed by Agent [redacted] in the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on March 21, 1972, in regard to [redacted]

New Jersey, on consignment. He stated that at the time of his interview, [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that sometime between February 13, 1972 and February 16, 1972, [redacted]
[redacted]

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Date of transcription June 20, 19721

On this date, [redacted] also known as [redacted]

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[redacted] New Jersey, was interviewed at that location at which time he was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview. He was advised of his rights as set out on Form FD 365, entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights, Your Rights", which he read, signed, and acknowledged that he understood. He then made available the following information:

[redacted] advised [redacted]

New Jersey; and as such [redacted]

[redacted] was shown a copy of Form FD 26, which is a voluntary consent to search of the premises form. The form was completed by Special Agent [redacted] and read by [redacted]. After reading the form, [redacted] acknowledged he understood his right to refuse the agents the opportunity to search the premises, but was willing to have a search conducted if the agents so desired. He thereafter signed the executed form. [redacted] thereafter volunteered the following information:

[redacted] advised [redacted]

He further advised that [redacted]

the [redacted]

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 SA [redacted] NJ Date dictated 6/14/72
 SA [redacted] by [redacted] HJM/ima

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Social Security
Account Number [redacted]
Selective Service
Number [redacted]
Arrests [redacted]
Driver's License [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he sent a straight truck over to Staten Island with the individual and instructed the driver to deliver the merchandise.

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New York, which is run by [redacted]

a [redacted]

[redacted] stated he often buys merchandise without labels and [redacted] places its label on the merchandise. [redacted] advised [redacted]

[redacted] stated he did not know the merchandise was stolen and could offer no additional information regarding any other stolen merchandise that may have been handled by [redacted]

The following information was obtained as a result of interview and observations:

Name

Sex

Race

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Height

Weight

Hair

Eyes

Scars and Marks

Residence

Telephone

Occupation

Employment

Education

Marital Status

Wife

Children

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription

6/14/72

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[redacted] New Jersey, was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted]

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[redacted] New Jersey, [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry. [redacted] was advised of his rights by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and was given an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights and Waiver" form to read. [redacted] read the Advice of Rights form, stated he understood his rights and signed the waiver of rights portion of the form.

[redacted] advised he is [redacted]
[redacted] and is in charge of [redacted]

[redacted] stated he is a [redacted] under the name [redacted] New Jersey, which is a [redacted]

[redacted] advised that on June 8, 1972, at approximately 11:00 AM, an individual driving a [redacted] bearing New York License plates, exact year of the car and license plate number unknown, came [redacted] New Jersey, and asked him [redacted] was a buyer of volume [redacted] advised the individual, who he described [redacted] black hair, slightly bald, 180 pounds, five feet, eight inches, showed him a [redacted] advised the [redacted]

individual he would have to wait thirty days before being paid, and he had to produce a bill of sale. [redacted] stated the individual stated [redacted]

Staten Island, New York, and that he [redacted]

[redacted] stated the individual advised he had to sell the merchandise because the merchandise was not selling well in his store. [redacted] said the individual promised to return [redacted] New Jersey on June 9, 1972, with a bill of sale. [redacted] stated he would get the individual's name and address at that time.

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by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] advised he would be willing to testify before a Federal Grand Jury and in Court if necessary, to the above statements and to the statements he made immediately after his arrest.

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[redacted] New York, telephone [redacted] was interviewed in the office of Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] in the presence of his attorney, [redacted] and in the presence of the interviewing Agents. [redacted] stated he wished to [redacted]

[redacted] stated the same facts at this interview [redacted]
[redacted] advised he had withheld no information during the interview.

[redacted] and another individual unknown to him by name but whom he would recognize if seen again as persons also involved in the crime. [redacted] also picked a photo of BURTON KAPLAN from a group of photos during this interview as the individual he knew as BERT [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that he had talked to [redacted] had lent [redacted]

[redacted] told him he did not have it. [redacted] that he was having [redacted]

[redacted] with BERT (KAPLAN) [redacted]

[redacted] said that while [redacted]

[redacted] stated [redacted] and was not [redacted]

Interviewed on [redacted]

at [redacted]

NEW YORK

File # NY 15-62628

by [redacted]

SA [redacted]

SA [redacted]

Date dictated [redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date of transcription 6/22/72

[redacted] Grimiyokon Trading Company, 17 East 16th Street, New York City, advised the total value of the shipment of ladies slacks hijacked from Solar trucking Company on June 1, 1972, was \$45,041.99. [redacted] stated the merchandise recovered by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation amounted to \$31,990.88.

[redacted] also stated the loss of the unrecovered cartons amounts to \$13,051.11.

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by SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Report of:

Date:

Office:

New York, New York

Field Office File #:

JUL 31 1972

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Bureau File #:

15-71909

Title:

[redacted]

Character:

THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT -- ARMED HIJACKING

Synopsis:

On 6/20/72, [redacted] Grimiylan Trading Company, NYC, advised the value of the recovered slacks was \$31,990.88. [redacted] reinterviewed and results set out on FD 302. [redacted]

and

[redacted]
[redacted]
interviewed and advised he and [redacted]

BURTON KAPLAN

[redacted] Stolen trailer recovered 6/12/72, by Carteret, New Jersey Police Department. Trailer processed and neighborhood conducted with negative results.

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DETAILS:

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As a result of above information, a fisur was maintained at the above location on 6/8/72, by the writer (SA [redacted] and Agents from the Hijack Squad, NYO. A consent search was conducted of the above location and [redacted]

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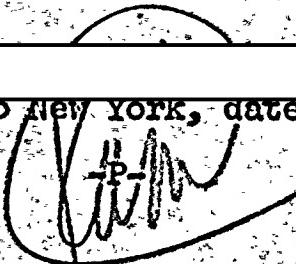
AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Will request AUSA [redacted] EDNY, to present the facts of the case to FGJ in the near future.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JUL 31 1972	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/8/72 - 7/26/72
TITLE OF CASE [Redacted]		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYP b6 b7C b7D
		CHARACTER OF CASE TFIS - AH	

REFERENCE

Report of SA [Redacted] dated 6/14/72.
Newark letter to New York, dated 7/7/72.


ADMINISTRATIVE

[Redacted] advised that [Redacted]

Staten Island

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Informant stated [Redacted]b2
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED.					
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RECOVERIES
				\$31,990.88	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACQUIT-TALS
CASE HAS BEEN:					
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					

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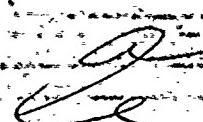
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SA [redacted]

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UNSUBS (2); Theft of 1968 Reo Tractor,
NY Lic. 13060 and 1968 Trailer, NY Lic.
387673, Containing Children's Clothing
From G.T. McGovern Trucking Co.,
Brooklyn, NY, February 10, 1972.

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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 5/17/72.

On 6/8/72, [redacted] Seaboard Trading, Co. [redacted]

[redacted], NJ, was interviewed by Agents of the Newark Office, and he advised them that sometime between 2/13 and 2/16/72, [redacted] brought to his office an individual named [redacted]

[redacted]
He stated he will testify on this matter before a FGJ.

[redacted] was also interviewed on this date in regard to NY file 15-62628, which involves the theft of 210 cartons of ladies' slacks from Solar Trucking, Co. on 6/1/72. [redacted] stated that an individual known to him as BERT KAPLAN approached [redacted]

[redacted]
stolen and would be willing to testify also on this matter before a FGJ.

AUSA [redacted] advised of the results of the interview and plans to present this matter to FGJ, EDNY in the very near future.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (15-62628)

FROM : *JLG* SAC, NEWARK (15-39053) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 7/7/72

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RE: New York report of SA [REDACTED]
6/14/72.

Enclosed find seven copies each of FD 302s containing interviews of [REDACTED] and FD 302 regarding search of Camhi-Brooks Warehouse, 1150 Sylvan Ave., Linden, NJ; nine copies of FD 302 regarding recovery Fruehauf trailer at Carteret, NJ, and nine copies of investigative insert of neighbor in area trailer recovered.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (15-62628)

DATE: 6/28/72

FROM : SA [redacted] (#52)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

BURT KAPLAN;
ET AL
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On 6/23/72, Captain [redacted] Bklyn, DA's Office,
Racquets Squad, advised [redacted] who was present at Bargain
Antos on 6/13/72 is [redacted] close associate of
[redacted] advised PETER VARIO runs an auto
yard at 83rd St. and Foster Ave., Bklyn, NY. [redacted]
[redacted] Long Island.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (15-62628)

DATE: 6/22/72

FROM : SA [redacted] (#52)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

BURT KAPLAN;
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On 6/14/72, Captain [redacted] Brooklyn DA's Office,
Racket Squad, advised that on 6/13/72, [redacted]

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monitored over court ordered wire [redacted]

A vehicle registered to [redacted], (a red Cadillac) was
at location at time and is believed to have been driven by
[redacted]

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